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L.A. MAYOR'S RACE: WITH A MONTH TO GO, WOO & RIORDAN STEPPING UP CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES...
Editor's note: With the June 8th runoff just a little over a month away, both L.A. Councilman Michael Woo and businessman Richard Riordan have dramatically stepped up the pace of campaigning to succeed Tom Bradley as L.A.'s next mayor. Here is a brief update & analysis...

...Both Woo and Riordan are providing the news media with more than enough opportunities to cover this race now that the field has been reduced to two. And believe it or not, coverage has begun to increase, especially TV coverage, which is a good sign. And to back up the *free media*, both candidates are blasting away at each other with *paid TV spots*. Woo continues to pound Riordan as a conservative Republican who is anti-worker, while Riordan's black & white, slow motion spot focuses on the homeless, graffiti and crime in Woo's council district, along Hollywood Boulevard. It's an effective hit...

...However, the most significant piece of news this past week was the endorsement of Riordan by attorney Stan Sanders, who finished 6th in the mayor's race with 4%. That's not much, but Sanders was impressive on the stump, especially in West L.A., where he attracted liberal support that Woo hopes to win over. More important, Sanders is Black and if Riordan uses the endorsement the way most think he will --- perhaps using Sanders on Black radio in an endorsement spot of Riordan --- this too will cut into Woo's base of support...

...The second significant development occurred when Woo flip-flopped on his previous stand supporting a city policy that *limits* the ability of the LAPD to work with the INS when arresting dangerous illegal immigrants. Woo now calls for the deportation of illegals charged with serious crime. While this change may sit well with voters in the San Fernando Valley, it's a little late in the game for Woo to switch -- according to most sources who are neutral. Woo is not perceived as being especially strong on law & order, and yet this is the key issue in the contest. Additionally, Woo's new stand has really angered some of his supporters in L.A.'s large Hispanic community. Will they stay with Woo? Or will they stay home on election day? Stay tuned...

4th S.D. SPECIAL: ELECTION ALMOST UNDERWAY.
By the time this issue of CALPEEK hits the street, the April 27 special election in the 2nd Senate District will be history, with Sen. Mike Thompson(D) as the declared winner. On election night, Thompson held a very slim 671 vote lead over GOP challenger Margie Handley. As CALPEEK went to press this week, there were still some uncounted absentee votes in Humboldt Co., but not enough to change the election...

...So it's just a matter of time until Gov. Pete Wilson calls yet another special, this time to replace Thompson in the 4th S.D. However, as CALPEEK readers are aware, the campaign to replace Thompson has been going on for some time,.especially on the Republican side, where former Assemblywoman Bev Hansen(R-Somona) and Shasta Co. Sup. Maurice Johannessen have been waging guerrilla warfare against each other for the past two months, while Thompson and Handley battled in the 2nd...

...Now that the 2nd S.D. special is over, fighting between Hansen and Johannessen will be more open and brutal. And as one source told CALPEEK, "This battle begins *below the gutter level*."...

...For starters, hardline conservatives who back Johannessen say Hansen has to answer for some of her statements made during the course of 2nd S.D. special, where several times she is reported to have said that a

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Republican **couldn't** win or even hold the 2nd S.D. CALPEEK first reported this about two issues back, but a much more detailed story by Jim Sweeney of the Santa Rosa Press Democrat is currently making the rounds among Republicans in the 4th S.D. CALPEEK was faxed 2 copies of this same story last week. Hansen denies that she hurt Handley's campaign, but most of the hardliners aren't buying it. As for Handley, she's being very diplomatic, refusing to talk...

...FYI: Wayne Johnson has replaced Jim Nygren as consultant to Johannessen. Russo-Marsh & Assoc. is Hansen's consultant. On the Demo side, there are at least 3 people who are looking at the race, including Gridley rice farmer Michael Boeger; Dennis Chuning, who ran for the assembly in 1984; and Bill Brashears, another unsuccessful assembly candidate who ran last year against Stan Statham. Since the 4th S.D. has a 46% Demo vs. 39% GOP voter registration, it will be very tough for the Demos to win unless they run a mistake-free and well-financed race. Stay tuned...

5th A.D. SPECIAL UPDATE: ENDORSEMENT GAME. Editor's note: With slightly more than two weeks to go before the May 25th election to replace the late B.T. Collins in Sacto Co.'s 5th Assembly District, this special could set a record for dullness. No hits, no attacks, no fun --- thus far. So what are observers forced to look at? **The Endorsement Game**. Here's the latest on who is supporting whom among Republicans. These names were supplied by each of the campaigns. Blame them, not CALPEEK if there's a mistake. FYI: financial reports are due May 13, so perhaps next week we'll discover who can raise money and who can't...

...The best endorsements are the ones that come from elected officials who live in close proximity to the 5th A.D. Thus name for name, candidate Mark Baughman and Carol Bass probably have the best endorsements. Baughman has U.S. Reps. Wally Herger and John Doolittle, plus former Congressman Norm Shumway and Folsom Councilman Jack Kipp on his side, while Bass, who recently hired McNally Temple & Assoc. to run her campaign, sports Sacto Co. Sheriff Glen Craig and Sacto Co. Sup. Muriel Johnson on her side, plus former Supes. Sandy Smoley and Jim Streng. Bass is the moderate in this race...

...The **biggest name endorsement** belongs to Clayton Fong, who has landed former Gov. George Deukmejian on his side. Fong also has two other Fongs on his side: Bd. of Equalization member Matt and Sacto County Assessor Roger. Assemblyman Nao Takasugi is for Fong, as is former Sacto Co. GOP chair Rick Stevenson. Taxfighter Ted Costa isn't trying to keep pace, but he does have backing from U.S. Rep. Richard Pombo...

...That brings us to Barbara Alby and Lou Barnett. Alby won an important endorsement from the CA Republican Assembly, the largest GOP volunteer group in the State. She's also won endorsements from the Gun Owners of CA and the Nat'l Tax Limitation Cmt. And her list of names from the Assembly includes some of the better known hardliners: Seastrand, Hoge, Mountjoy, Haynes, Boland, Conroy and Honeycutt. She also claims an endorsement from well known consultant Ed Rollins. She's also got former State Sen. H.L. Richardson on her team, as well as current State Senators Don Rogers and Bill Leonard. As for Barnett, he has won backing from 3 past CRP chairs: Frank Visco, Mike Montgomery and Thurman Campbell. In addition, Lou has backing from such GOP types as Charlie Black, Lyn Nofziger and Ken Khachigian. He also claims support from former Congressmembers Clare Berryhill and Bobbie Fiedler...

...So who's missing from this list? Lots of people, but the heaviest of hitters, new Orange Co. State Sen. Rob Hurtt, is not on this list, nor are area Assemblymembers Dean Andal, David Knowles or Larry Bowler, or State Sen. Tim Leslie. These guys are ducking until the primary is over. Stay tuned...

SHULTZ TO ADDRESS COMMONWEALTH CLUB... Former Sec. of State George Shultz will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., May 14, Buena Vista Room, Marriott Hotel, S.F. Shultz's speech is titled, "Turmoil & Triumph: My Years As Secretary of State." The event is co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council. For info call (415)597-6705...

ANTONOVICH AT WIPA LUNCHEON ON MAY 17th. L.A. Co. Sup. Mike Antonovich will address Women In Public Affairs, 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon luncheon, May 17, The Tower Restaurant, downtown L.A. Among other things, Antonovich will discuss the upcoming budget crunch. For info & RSVPs, Marilee Rafferty or Maria Saenz at (213)775-3486...

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CALPEEK'S ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.
Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

• **Upset In San Berdu Mayor's Race** - City Councilman Tom Minor is the new mayor of San Bernardino. Minor defeated Councilwoman Esther Estrada by a margin of 44.5% to 38.7%, while write-in candidate Al Ballard got 16.8% --- much higher than anyone had anticipated. While CALPEEK sources in San Berdu were relucant to pick a winner several weeks ago, most of the elected officials from the area were backing Estrada and so were the newspapers and city employee unions. Minor's chief supporter was outgoing Mayor Bob Holcomb. Why did Estrada lose? It looks as though she wasn't able to get her supporters out to vote...

• **More Trouble for S.F. Mayor Jordan** - San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan finds himself in yet another controversy. S.F. Redevelopment Agency Commissioner Ben Hom had been asked by Jordan to help arrange a fundraiser. Hom asked two L.A. developers to contribute, but they perhaps thought the request improper. Somehow the S.F. Chronicle got hold of this info and told Jordan they were going to run it in the paper. At 1 p.m. on the day of the fundraiser, Jordan cancelled the event and called Hom into his office, where he demanded Hom's resignation. Hom refused, saying he had done nothing illegal. A hearing on this affair has been set May 14, with Jordan sitting as the judge & jury. Hom is fighting back, hiring prominent attorney Fred Furth and Delacorte/Shinoff (advocacy communications) to keep this story alive in the news media. Is this frontpage news? Yes indeed...

• **Presidential Primary** - Assemblyman Jim Costa's AB 2196 has passed the Assembly's E&R Cmt. on a 5-1 vote and now heads to the Ways & Means Cmt. If approved and signed into law, it would move Calif.'s presidential primary to the first Tuesday in March...

• **No Free Rides for Lawmakers** - On a 6-1 vote, the Assembly E&R Cmt. has approved a bill by Assemblyman Steve Peace(D-Chula Vista) which forces a state legislator to **resign** from office if he or she runs for another office in the middle of a term. If AB 1025 had been in effect at the beginning of the year, there would have been *no free rides* for Assemblymembers Richard Katz(L.A. mayor), Jim Costa(16th S.D.), Sam Farr(17th C.D.) or State Sen. Mike Thompson(2nd S.D.). All of these lawmakers have run for other offices during their current term. The Peace bill is similar to Hawaii's *resign & run law*...

• **San Mateo Sheriff's Special** - The June 8th special election to replace retired San Mateo Co. Sheriff Leonard Cardoza may start to heat up as Sheriff's Capt. Hank Derner, who is backed by Cardoza, is starting to make his move. He has raised more money than his major rival, Sheriff's Lt. Don Horsley; about $107,000 to Horsley's $87,000. When CALPEEK first wrote about this special, Derner had not hired a consultant. He has now retired consultant Ed McGovern. Horsely hired consultant Bryan Godbe. There is a 3rd candidate in the race, Joe Kirby, who has run 2-3 times before. At this point, Derner's campaign claims to have the most backing from within the command structure of San Mateo Sheriff's department, while Horsely has won the bulk of the political endorsements. But the major law & order organizations, such as CCPOA and PORAC, are neutral, as is San Mateo Co. DA Jim Fox...

• **Card Club Madness** - The battle to permit an existing West Hollywood card club to expand its operation by building a new club in the eastern part of the city got fairly hot this past week, as high propensity voters received the first "hit mailer" against Measure D. And the mailer is very controversial and some think it is **racist**. On slick yellow paper, the headline says, "Proposition 'D' *means* Asian Gambling in West Hollywood. And inside it says, "*Asian Gambling Brings* ORGANIZED CRIME," in bold letters. On another inside page, the mailer shows newspaper clips about violence related to card clubs. It's a good hit piece and the NO on D forces are starting to call this proposal on the June 8 ballot the *West Hollywood Asian Gambling Measure*. While "D" specifically bans **poker**, it doesn't prohibit the Cavendish Club from running such Asian games as Pai Gow and Super Pan 9, big money-makers at other card clubs. Will the YES on D forces now speed up their campaign to counter this first hit??? Stay tuned...

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TV POLITICAL REPORTING TAKES A BIG HIT WITH WORD THAT KCAL-TV's MANKIEWICZ IS LEAVING.
One of L.A.'s best political reporters, KCAL-TV's Josh Mankiewicz, is leaving Channel 9 News after the June 8th L.A. Muni runoff to join the Fox Network's new magazine series, "Express," as a correspondent. The new series will begin its run in June. Mankiewicz has been with KCAL-TV for 2 years and will be missed...

...With Mankiewicz's departure, the ranks of TV political reporters have been reduced to 3: KABC-TV's Linda Breakstone & John North, and CNN's Dan Blackburn. KNBC-TV has still not replaced its former political reporter, Linda Douglass, now based in D.C. with CBS-TV...

...There is some speculation that the recent firing of KCBS-TV news director John Lippman might mean that the station is once again prepared to cover State and local politics in a serious fashion. Lippman did away with serious political reporting and the last person who covered politics was Bob Jimenez, who took over the beat from Terry Anzur, who succeeded the very capable Warren Olney...

...How tough has it been to get Channel 2 to do serious political reporting? One source told CALPEEK that on Jan. 20th there was a major debate in the newsroom as to what should be the lead story --- the Lippman crowd wanted to lead with a **shooting**. Remember what happened on Jan. 20th?? How about the day that Bill Clinton was sworn in as President of the U.S. Stay tuned...

SPRING 1993: CALPEEK'S ELECTION CALENDAR
Editor's note: Here's a short election calendar to help you keep track of all the specials, runoffs and other elections...

- **May 25** - 5th A.D. Legislative special...
- **June 1** - Compton mayor's runoff...
- **June 8** - L.A. Muni runoff; San Mateo Co. Sheriff's special election; 17th C.D. runoff; card club elections in West Hollywood, Cypress, Stanton & Pico Rivera; the San Mateo Co. Bd. of Supes special; and the Daly City special muni election...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.
Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Tim Carey & Assoc. have moved to 21081 S. Western Ave., Ste. 100, Torrance, CA 90501. Same phone...
- Bell & Hiltachk, a Sacto-based law firm, has merged with the L.A.-based law firm of Simmons & McAndrews. The new firm will be known as Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk --- and it will be CA's only statewide law firm devoted **exclusively** to political and election law. Jerry Margaret Simmons has begun a sabbatical from the practice of law and won't be part of this new firm...
- Howard Cohen has launched his own PA/consulting firm at 16646 Mayall St., North Hills, CA 91343 (818)360-7716. Cohen has worked for Assemblyman Richard Katz, Mayor Tom Bradley and even ran for the State Assembly in 1992...
- Political consultant/media relations specialist Jackie Brainard has joined Campaign Management, Inc., for the remainder of the L.A. Muni election, working on the campaigns of L.A. Councilwoman Joan Flores and for 3rd District council candidate Laura Chick. Like Chick, Brainard also used to work for 3rd District Councilwoman Joy Picus...
- Campaign fundraiser Linda Tibi has gone to work for CA State Treas. Kathleen Brown as So. Calif. finance director...
- Irvine-based Nelson Communications recently won two Helios Awards from the Orange Co. International Assn. of Business Communicators...

DANNEMEYER TO ADDRESS LINCOLN CLUB.
Former Congressman Bill Dannemeyer(R) will address members of the San Gabriel Valley chtp. of the CA Lincoln Club, 7:30 a.m. breakfast, May 21, Industry Hills Sheraton Hotel. For info, Natalie Blanning (818) 919-7497...

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